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TUTTLE CREEK DAM

FACT SHEET

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Corps of Engineers considers community awareness and input as an absolutely critical part of the Dam Safety Assurance Program efforts that are underway at Tuttle Creek Dam. Without community knowledge and input, it is difficult for those evaluating potential risk management options to make fully informed decisions. As a way to evaluate all of the potential impacts from the potential changes to the dam and the way it is operated, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Corps of Engineers has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared.
- Community input is not only considered important in the decision making process, the Environmental Protection Agency actually requires that the interested community have the opportunity to provide input into the Environmental Impact Statement process.
- Although informal input is always welcome, opportunities for formal input into the Environmental Impact Statement process include:
 - Initial Public and Agency Input/Involvement (Spring 2001)
 - Public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - A 45-Day Comment Period (beginning in April 2002) & Public Meeting (April 23, 2002) on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Public Review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - A 30-Day Comment Period on the Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Based on all factors, including the community input received during the periods outlined above, a document called the Record of Decision is developed. This is the document that outlines the selected method of dealing with the dam safety issues, the factors considered, and the reasons for its selection.
- In addition to the community meetings associated with the Environmental Impact Statement, opportunities for the community to remain informed will exist through a web site and through available guest speakers. Based on feedback received, effective community involvement will be continuously evaluated as the project progresses.

This fact sheet is published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lead agency for the Tuttle Creek Dam Safety Assurance Program. Comments or questions about this fact sheet or the Dam Safety Assurance Program should be directed to Bill Empson of the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers at (816) 983-3556 or by E-mail at tcdam.nwk@usace.army.mil. Questions or comments about lake operations or Tuttle Creek project office activities should be directed to the on-site Operations Manager, Brian McNulty at 785-539-8511. For additional information, visit our web site: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/tcdam>



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